

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.     **(Currently Amended)**     A gaming machine including:

a cabinet with a first opening;

a door rotatably attached at one side of the cabinet, the door opening and closing the first opening of the cabinet;

a second opening formed in front of the door; and

a frame rotatably attached at one side of the second opening by a hinge construction;

wherein the hinge construction includes:

an upper support member arranged at an upper position in the one side of the second opening, wherein the upper support member defines a ceiling of the second opening;

a lower support member arranged at a lower position in the one side of the second opening, wherein the lower support member defines a bottom of the second opening; and

a shaft member with an upper end and a lower end rotatably retained in the frame; and

wherein the upper end of the shaft member is rotatably supported in the upper support member and the lower end of the shaft member is rotatably supported in the lower support member.

2. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising:

an upper support hole formed in the upper support member;

a lower support hole formed in the lower support member;

a projection portion with an outline width formed at the upper end of the shaft member, the projection portion being resiliently deformable and the outline width being longer than diameters of the upper support hole and the lower support hole;

wherein the projection portion is inserted in both the upper support hole and the lower support hole while being resiliently deformed to an inner direction thereof.

3. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein the projection portion returns to an original state based on resilient deformation after inserted in the upper support hole and the lower support hole, and a lower end of the projection portion contacts to an upper surface of the upper support member.

4. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 2, further comprising:

a guard portion formed at the lower end of the shaft member;

wherein the guard portion contacts to a lower surface of the lower support member.

5. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 4, wherein the shaft member has a shaft portion connecting the projection portion and the guard portion, and the shaft portion is formed in a sectional shape that is figured by crossing two ellipses at right angle with each other.

6. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the outline width of the projection portion is longer than a diameter of a circumcircle which is circumscribed to the shaft portion and is resiliently deformable to a state that the outline width resiliently deforms to the diameter or shorter.

7. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the shaft member is made of synthetic resin.

8. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 2, further comprising:

an upper support plate formed at one side of the frame corresponding to the upper support member;

a lower support plate formed at the one side of the frame corresponding to the lower support member;

an upper through hole formed in the upper support plate corresponding to the upper support hole; and

a lower through hole formed in the lower support plate corresponding to the lower support hole;

wherein the outline width of the projection portion is formed longer than diameters of the upper through hole and the lower through hole, and

wherein the projection portion is inserted in the upper through hole and the lower through hole while being resiliently deformed to the inner direction thereof.

9. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein the projection portion is formed in an umbrella-like shape.

10. **(Original)** The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the shaft member is made invisible from outside while the frame closes the second opening of the door.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A gaming machine including:

- a cabinet with a first opening;
- a door rotatably attached at one side of the cabinet, the door opening and closing the first opening of the cabinet;
- a second opening formed in front of the door; and
- a frame rotatably attached at one side of the second opening by a hinge construction;

wherein the hinge construction includes:

- an upper support member arranged at an upper position in the one side of the second opening, wherein the upper support member defines a ceiling of the second opening;
- an upper support hole formed in the upper support member;
- a lower support member arranged at a lower position in the one side of the second opening, wherein the lower support member defines a bottom of the second opening;
- a lower support hole formed in the lower support member;

an upper support plate formed at one side of the frame corresponding to the upper support member;

an upper through hole formed in the upper support plate corresponding to the upper support hole;

a lower support plate formed at the one side of the frame corresponding to the lower support member;

a lower through hole formed in the lower support plate corresponding to the lower support hole; and

a shaft member with an upper end and a lower end;

wherein the upper end of the shaft member is inserted in the upper through hole and rotatably supported in the upper support hole, and

wherein the lower end of the shaft member is inserted in the lower through hole and rotatably supported in the lower support hole.

Claim 12     **(Canceled)**.